

# Level UP-2

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## Heart of the Matter

### WHICH HEART ARE YOU?

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- “The best contribution you can make to your world, is to level up and become the best version of yourself.” Ira A. Jackson Sr



## Level UP – Part Two

### THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER!

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- Mark. 4:13-20
- Then He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand *and* grasp the meaning of all the parables? VS 13 AMP
- The sower sows the word [of God, the good news regarding the way of salvation]. VS 14 AMP



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### SIX REASONS WHY WON'T LEVEL UP!

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- From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt 4. 17)



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## 1. DEVOID OF UNDERSTANDING!

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- The wise in heart [are willing to learn so they] will accept *and* obey commands (instruction), but the babbling fool [who is arrogant and thinks himself wise] will come to ruin. (Pro . 10:8) AMP
- So give Your servant an understanding mind *and* a hearing heart [with which] to judge Your people, so that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge *and* rule this great people of Yours?" (1 Kings. 3:9) AMP



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### 2. DON'T HAVE DEEP ROOTS!

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- For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:11) AMP
- And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish (stupid) man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods *and* torrents came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great *and* complete was its fall.”(Matt. 7:26,27) AMP



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### 3. DISTRACTED BY WORLDLY PLEASURE!

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- “James said a doubleminded person is unstable (inconstant or restless) in all their ways (conduct, manner of thinking, feeling, and deciding). (Jam. 1:8) AMP
- Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people].(Jam. 4:8) AMP



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### 4. DECEITFULNESS OF FAME AND WEALTH!

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- Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time. (Pro. 13:11) AMP
- Timothy says for the love (avarice, covetousness, desire, greed, or materialism) of money is the root of all evil (bad nature, mode of thinking, feeling, acting, base, wrong, wicked, troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive, and baneful). (1 Tim 6:10) AMP





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### 5. DESIRE OR PASSION FOR OTHER THINGS.

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- If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John. 15:7) AMP
- Jesus asked what shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul? (Mar. 8:36) AMP



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### 6. NOT A DOER OF GOD'S WORD!

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- And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. (Hab. 2:2) AMP
- And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish (stupid) man who built his house on the sand. (Matt. 7:26) AMP



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### WHAT CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO LEVEL UP?

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- The good heart brings forth fruit (productive, profitable, praises to God) and a harvest either, thirty, sixty or a hundredfold, dependent on how much labour (work) you invest, put in or sow“. (Mark. 4:20)
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